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City To Unveil Initial Design Concepts for North Park Mini-Park & Associated Streetscape Improvements Project *Second Community Workshop*

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego Public Works Department - Engineering & Capital Projects, Architectural Engineering & Parks Division, announces the second opportunity for the public to participate in the design process for the North Park Mini-Park and Associated Streetscape Improvements Project. The public is invited to attend the second Community Workshop on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at the gymnasium/assembly room of Jefferson Elementary School, 3770 Utah Street, San Diego, CA 92104.

The workshop will begin at 5:30 p.m. and is scheduled to end at 8:30 p.m.. The first hour will be a community open house where community members can review and discuss information obtained from the first community workshop held on June 4, 2011. Both City staff and the consultant will be present to answer questions. The second portion of the workshop begins at 6:30 p.m.. The workshop is free and open to everyone. Light refreshments will be served.

Building on community input provided at the first community workshop, the City will unveil initial design concepts for the project, which includes two components.

The first component is the design of a General Development Plan (GDP) for the 0.5 acre North Park Mini-Park, located directly behind the North Park Theatre, and bordered by Granada Avenue, North Park Way, and 29th Street. The park location will provide a connection between the residential neighborhoods to the south and the business district centered at 30th Street and University Avenue. The park will be designed to serve as a central gathering space for passive recreational uses, reflecting the surrounding area's intensive urban character.

The second component of the project is a Master Plan for associated streetscapes to include: 29th Street from University Avenue to North Park Way; Granada Avenue for University Avenue to North Park Way; Utah Street from University Avenue to Gunn Street; and North Park Way from 29th Street to Utah Street. The streetscapes Master Plan will include recommendations and guidelines on design components such as tree grates, seating, landscape and plant palette, signage, lighting, and more. The enhanced streetscapes will tie the North Park Mini-Park, the future Jefferson Elementary School Joint Use Improvements (currently under construction), and the Greater North Park business district together.

A final community workshop is planned for Winter 2012, followed by public meetings and hearings among various City of San Diego commissions and boards. For more information, contact Todd Schmit, Park Designer and Project Manager, at (619) 533-4620.

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